

**CLAIM AMENDMENT**

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A magnetic tape comprising a substrate having on one side thereof a magnetic layer serving as a recording surface and on the other side thereof a resin layer serving as a non-recording surface, wherein said magnetic tape has a region on the side of the non-recording surface along the longitudinal direction of the tape in which a regular pattern for servo tracking having different optical properties from the other major region of the side of the non-recording surface is to be formed, and said magnetic tape has a thickness of 7  $\mu\text{m}$  or less, wherein said magnetic tape further comprises a thin layer of a metal or an alloy having a low melting point which is located between said substrate and said resin layer, and a servo tracking pattern comprising depression is formed in said thin layer.

Claims 9-10 (canceled) .